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For: **BALANCER FOR ORBITAL  
ABRADING MACHINE**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 20, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please delete claims 1/16 and substitute therefore:

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~~17.~~ In a random orbital abrading machine having a drive means rotatable about a first axis of rotation, a head portion adapted for connection with said drive means for rotation therewith about said first axis and defining a mounting recess,

bearing means supported within said mounting recess and defining a second axis disposed parallel to said first axis and lying within a common plane therewith,

an abrasive pad,

means for connecting said pad to said bearing means for rotation about said second axis, the improvement of counterbalance means for at least substantially counterbalancing said pad and portions of

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